

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 47

Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47—Relative to education funding.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 47, as amended, DeSaulnier. Education funding: child development centers and preschools.

This measure would state the intent of the Legislature to increase the funding of child development centers and preschools in future years, as resources become available, in order to provide staff with adequate salaries and benefits, provide adequate resources to support program quality for children, and keep programs open to serve parents and children.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Title V of the California Code of Regulations sets
- 2 forth program quality and personnel standards for child
- 3 development centers and preschools contracting with the State

1 Department of Education to serve children and families of
2 California; and

3 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschools
4 have demonstrated positive outcomes in preparing children for
5 success in school and measure their progress through the state's
6 Desired Results system; and

7 WHEREAS, The quality education standards for Title V child
8 development centers and preschools far exceed the minimum health
9 and safety standards required by the state for licensure, including
10 that these child development centers are required to employ
11 teachers and assistant teachers with much higher levels of
12 professional college training, and are required to perform
13 comprehensive evaluations of the development of their children
14 through the state's Desired Results system; and

15 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschools
16 meeting higher quality education standards are reimbursed at a
17 flat rate that has not kept pace with rising labor, food, energy, and
18 insurance costs, or increased mandates, resulting in high quality
19 teachers being underpaid and receiving inadequate health and
20 retirement benefits; and

21 WHEREAS, In 80 percent of California, child care centers,
22 family child care homes, and license-exempt in-home providers
23 who are not required to meet high quality education standards are
24 reimbursed at rates up to 60 percent higher than Title V child
25 development centers and preschools; and

26 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschools
27 must attempt to subsidize the state reimbursement rate with other
28 funds due to receiving an inadequate standard reimbursement for
29 every child served from the state; and

30 WHEREAS, Title V child development centers and preschool
31 programs are at risk of closure due to the large gap between the
32 current standard reimbursement rate and the real cost of doing
33 business; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the value and contribution of Title V
36 child development centers and preschools to California's education
37 system and citizens is recognized by the Legislature; and be it
38 further

1 *Resolved*, That the serious inequity in the fiscal support of Title
2 V child development centers and preschools is recognized by the
3 Legislature; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Legislature intends to increase the funding
5 of child development centers and preschools in future years, as
6 resources become available, in order to provide staff of Title V
7 child development centers and preschools with adequate salaries
8 and benefits, provide adequate resources to support program quality
9 for children, and keep programs open to serve parents and children;
10 and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
12 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.